circularity of the non-cell components in the plurality of thresholded microscopy images.

- **6**. The method of claim **1**, wherein the one or more sets of pixels are extracted from the plurality of microscopy images using a process comprising:
 - applying one or more machine learning models to identify the sets of pixels in the plurality of microscopy images; and
 - cropping the one or more sets of pixels from the plurality of microscopy images.
- 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the machine learning models comprise one or more of a probabilistic boosting tree model and a deep CNN.
- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the deployment of the classifier comprises one or more files describing (i) the multi-layer architecture, (ii) the plurality of weights, (iii) the plurality of image quality labels.
- **9**. The method of claim **1**, wherein the plurality of microscopy images are digital holographic microscopy (DHM) images.
- 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of image quality labels consists of two values indicating an in-focus image or an out-of-focus image, respectively.
- 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of image quality labels comprise a range of more than two values between a minimum value indicating poorest image quality and a maximum value indicating best image quality.
- 12. A computer-implemented method for performing adaptive focusing of a microscopy device, the method comprising:
 - acquiring a plurality of microscopy images depicting cells using a microscopy device;
 - extracting one or more sets of pixels from the plurality of microscopy images, wherein each set of pixels corresponds to an independent cell;
 - using a trained classifier to assign one of a plurality of image quality labels to each set of pixels indicating the degree to which the independent cell is in focus;
 - if the image quality labels corresponding to the sets of pixels indicate that the cells are out of focus, determining a focal length adjustment for adjusting focus of the microscopy device using a trained machine learning model; and
 - sending executable instructions to the microscopy device to perform the focal length adjustment.

- 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the machine learning model is trained using (i) a set of training images, (ii) labels of focus quality, and (iii) an indication of focal length used in acquiring each training image.
- 14. The method of claim 12, wherein the trained classifier is a convolutional neural network.
- 15. The method of claim 12, wherein the microscopy device is a DHM device.
- **16**. The method of claim **12**, wherein the plurality of image quality labels consist of two values indicating an in-focus image or an out-of-focus image, respectively.
- 17. The method of claim 12, wherein the plurality of image quality labels consist of range of more than two values between a minimum value indicating poorest image quality and a maximum value indicating best image quality.
- **18**. A system for performing adaptive focusing of a microscopy device, the system comprising:
 - a microscopy device configured to acquire a plurality of microscopy images depicting cells; and
 - one or more processors executing instructions for performing a method comprising:
 - extracting one or more sets of pixels from the plurality of microscopy images,
 - wherein each set of pixels corresponds to an independent cell:
 - using a trained classifier to assign one of a plurality of image quality labels to each set of pixels indicating the degree to which the independent cell is in focus;
 - if the image quality labels corresponding to the sets of pixels indicate that the cells are out of focus, determining a focal length adjustment for adjusting focus of the microscopy device using a trained machine learning model; and
 - sending executable instructions to the microscopy device to perform the focal length adjustment.
- 19. The system of claim 18, wherein the one or more processors are included in a parallel processing platform that parallelize operations associated with use of the trained classifier.
- 20. The system of claim 19, wherein the one or more processors apply the trained classifier to multiple sets of pixels in parallel.

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